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generous inspiring  
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kind volunteer  
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 *New River Valley  
Leading Lights*

Celebrating Neighbors Helping Neighbors  
*Recognition Ceremony*  
*September 20, 2021*



mentor loving  
vital leader driven  
enthusiastic  
supportive  
go-to devoted  
joyful



## *About New River Valley Leading Lights*

Since 2009, New River Valley Leading Lights has acknowledged and honored volunteers across the NRV who are making community-changing impacts, culminating in an annual celebratory banquet.

NRV Leading Lights was formed following the events of April 16, 2007, at Virginia Tech. During this time, our community witnessed an incredible outpouring of support from community members who performed extraordinary acts of service in response to the tragedy.

Seeing the importance of volunteers during this time inspired the German Club Alumni Foundation and other community leaders. They created NRV Leading Lights in an effort to recognize the incredible contribution volunteers make to our community every day.

**In this spirit of volunteerism,  
we celebrate this evening.**

**We dedicate this night to all those  
impacted by April 16, 2007.**



# Tonight's Program



*Welcome*.....Catherine Cotrupi and Bill King  
*NRV Leading Lights Board Member & President*

*Leading Lights Recognition* .....Christina McIntyre  
*NRV Leading Lights Board Member*

*Distinguished Recipients*.....Christina McIntyre  
*NRV Leading Lights Board Member*

*Closing Remarks*.....Bill King  
*NRV Leading Lights Board President*

High School • College

Community: Floyd • Giles • Montgomery • Pulaski • Radford

Jim & Lenna Moore Lifetime Achievement Award

## *A Note from the Board*

We owe a debt of gratitude to each of the outstanding volunteers nominated tonight and to all their nominators. Thank you also to each of our organizations for granting us leave to serve with NRV Leading Lights.

### **Board of Directors**

*Dick Arnold, Past President*

Virginia Tech German Club  
Alumni Foundation

John McEnhill  
Floyd County

*Ann Cassell*

Montgomery County

Christina McIntyre  
Giles County

*Catherine Cotrupi*

Virginia Tech

Jen Rentschler  
Radford University

*Janiele Hamden*

City of Radford

*Tim Rosche, Treasurer*  
Christiansburg Lions Club

*Kelly Kaiser*

New River Community College

Jill Ross  
Pulaski County

*Rev. Bill King, President*

Montgomery County

*Terri Welch*  
Montgomery County

*Ryan Martin*

YMCA at Virginia Tech

### **Award Selection Committee**

Janiele Hamden  
Bill King

John McEnhill  
Christina McIntyre



# 2021 *Leading Lights*



## **High School**

Anna French  
Brianna Moser

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## **Lifetime**

Bill Ellenbogen

## **College**

Grace Ankeney  
Alivia Colon  
Jarrett Holmes and Erica Martin  
Isabelle Lergen  
Eli Miller

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## **Covid-19 Heroes**

Campus Kitchen at Virginia Tech  
Cookie Bandits  
Plenty! Farm and Food Bank  
New River Valley Public Health  
Taskforce Volunteers

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## **Community Members**

Darla Bray  
Kathryn Daily  
Bill and Corrine Graefe  
Hope Harrell  
Jeri Rogers  
Vern Simpson  
Martha Ann Stallings  
Portia Dawn Thompson  
Robyn Toney  
Fred & Beth Umberger  
Elizabeth Warriner



## *A Special Thank You*



This evening was made possible by our  
generous sponsors and donors.  
Thank you so much for supporting NRV Leading Lights!

### *Leading Lights*

*(\$1,000+)*

German Club Alumni Foundation

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### *Flood Lights*

*(\$500 - \$999)*

Blacksburg Breakfast Lions Club

John & Elizabeth Dooley

Delwyn Dyer

Christina McIntyre

National Bank

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### *Spot Lights*

*(\$250 - \$499)*

Richard M. Arnold

Christiansburg Lions Club

Pete & Pat Huber

Dr. Steve & Cathy Jacobs

William H. King

Managed Growth, Inc.

James & Sue McAlister

John McEnhill

Dawn Musser

Craig E. Nesbit

NRCC Educational Foundation

Tim Rosche

Anthony Wade

## *Strobe Lights*

*(\$100 - \$249)*

Mark J. Benson	Michael & Laura Hewitt
Karen Bibbins	Karen Hult
Brown Insurance	Paul Knox
Celco Federal Credit Union	William Neely
Crockett Home Improvement, Inc.	Charles & Andrea Parron
Thomas J. Dalzell	Minnis Ridenour
Bob & Scottie Dickenson	William E. Spruill
Richard & Phyllis Geoghegan	J. Lewis Webb

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## *Bright Lights*

*(Up to \$99)*

Catherine Cotrupi  
John Galbraith  
Carl Polan  
Virginian Leader Corporation  
Mark B. Wigginton



## Our Impact



**13 years** of honoring volunteers

**642 individuals** nominated for awards

**100 awards** presented to outstanding volunteers

**\$68,500 distributed** to NRV nonprofits of winners' choosing

We are honored to recognize 19 Leading Lights and three Covid-19 Hero groups this year. Tonight, 10 distinguished recipient awards will be given out: two High School, two College, along with Community Members for residents in the city of Radford, the counties of Floyd, Giles, and Montgomery, and a Lifetime Achievement recipient.

Each distinguished recipient will receive \$500 to donate to a New River Valley nonprofit of their choosing. The Lifetime Achievement recipient will receive \$1,000. This will bring NRV Leading Lights total to \$71,500 distributed to organizations in our region.





## Stay Involved with Us



### Nominate a volunteer this fall for the 2022 awards!

Do you know an outstanding volunteer and resident of the NRV who meets the below criteria? *Submit a nomination at [leadinglightsnrv.org](http://leadinglightsnrv.org)!*

- Devotes a significant, ongoing amount of time to volunteerism
- Addresses community needs & is making an impact
- Demonstrates leadership and/or shows initiative

### Join our Board or become a Community Advisor.

We are always looking for new board members. Members serve three year terms, attend monthly meetings (Sept. - May), and participate on one or more teams (such as fundraising or banquet planning). Advisors have a less formal commitment, lending their expertise to specific projects or teams.

### Donate or become a sponsor.

Every donation or sponsorship supports our banquet and awards, and, in turn, our community. *Donations may be made payable to:*

German Club Alumni Foundation  
Memo line: NRV Leading Lights  
711 Southgate Drive  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

*Interested in becoming more involved with us?*

Contact us at [leadinglightsnrv@gmail.com](mailto:leadinglightsnrv@gmail.com).



## *Past Leading Lights Distinguished Recipients*

### **High School**

Taylor Hawkins, Floyd  
Jessica Shelburne, Pulaski  
Connor Moran, Christiansburg  
Aaron Miller, Radford  
Olivia Hodge, Blacksburg  
Rebecca Kay Stephens, Giles  
Laura Froggard, Blacksburg  
Anna Keppel-Benson, Blacksburg  
Jessica Vance, Blacksburg  
Marie Stump, Christiansburg  
Ben Webster, Snowville  
Neha Hudait, Blacksburg  
Megan Talarek, Blacksburg  
Hannah Shuff, Narrows  
Mackenzie Farmer, Pulaski  
Clay Jennings, Blacksburg  
Lacy Bailey, Auburn

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### **College**

Kyndal Stakes, Virginia Tech  
Sydney Curtis, Virginia Tech  
Kelly Berry, Virginia Tech  
Elizabeth Domann, Virginia Tech  
Austin Larrowe, Virginia Tech  
Chelsea Hall, Virginia Tech  
Ryan Brock, Virginia Tech  
Analise Adams, Virginia Tech  
Victoria Sarbin, Radford University  
Matthew Johnson, Virginia Tech  
Stephanie Connelly, Virginia Tech  
Hunter Cole, NRCC  
Olivia Obertello, Virginia Tech  
Clendal Brown, NRCC  
Tanah Patel, Virginia Tech  
Danielle Kassel, Virginia Tech  
Addison Levy, NRCC

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## *Past Leading Lights Distinguished Recipients*



### **Community Members**

Susan Sutterer, Floyd  
Ann Goette, Eggleston  
Diane Blair, Pulaski  
Jean Umberger, Radford  
Scott & Mendy Sink, Blacksburg  
Barnett Carr, Blacksburg  
Susan Icove, Floyd  
Donna & Doug Martin, Newport  
Ben Crawford, Blacksburg  
Melvin Robertson, Christiansburg  
Nancy & Bill Hudson, Fairlawn  
Keith Nunn, Radford  
Todd Fitch, Christiansburg  
Molly McClintock, Christiansburg  
Dr. Steve Jacobs, Blacksburg  
Mary Susan Vehorn, Radford  
Col. John Getgood, Floyd  
Doris Hendrickson, Radford  
Kim Schwenk, Blacksburg  
Jerry Higgins, Radford  
Rebecca Rees, Blacksburg  
Lindsay West, Blacksburg  
Phyllis Albritton, Blacksburg  
Pat Ballard, Christiansburg  
Mary Ann Hinshelwood, Christiansburg  
Jon McEnhill, Floyd  
Dr. Nelda Pearson, Radford  
Margie Vitale, Christiansburg  
Karen Cronin, Shawsville  
Fran Rooker, Radford  
Rador Vaden, Blacksburg  
Vickie Spangler, Floyd  
Lynn Hill, Giles  
Archie Boothe, Pulaski  
Penny Sweet, Radford  
Janne Mathes, Blacksburg

John Galbraith, Blacksburg  
Travis Cantrell, Floyd  
Rodman Freeman, Giles  
Daniel Grubb, Pulaski  
Kelly McPherson, Blacksburg  
Janiele Hamden, Radford  
John Hess, Christiansburg  
Rhonda Whaling, Blacksburg  
Sharon Thompson, Blacksburg  
Rebecca (Becky) Weeks, Floyd  
Travis Sparks, Giles  
Sally Warburton, Pulaski  
Dr. Daniel Kelly, Radford

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### **Lifetime Achievement**

Catherine Vaughn Pauley, Floyd  
Don Mullins, Blacksburg  
Merilyn & Dave Armstrong, Dublin  
Dr. George Smith, Shawsville  
Tom Sherman, Blacksburg  
Carol Smith, Draper  
Dave Roper, Blacksburg



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